

# *News from the Wyoming Department of Health*

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## **Wyoming State Hospital Earns Reaccreditation**

The Wyoming State Hospital recently earned a three-year reaccreditation for its assertive community treatment, inpatient treatment and residential treatment programs.

The Wyoming State Hospital is one of five Wyoming Department of Health healthcare facilities. The hospital has been providing mental health services in Evanston for Wyoming residents since 1887.

“Our dedicated staff works day in and day out to provide first-rate mental health care for our patients,” said Ted Brewer, Wyoming State Hospital administrator. “This reaccreditation is a welcome vote of confidence in our facility from an important organization.”

The latest accreditation from CARF International is the fifth consecutive three-year accreditation awarded by the international accrediting body to the Wyoming State Hospital.

CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body. Founded in 1966 as the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, CARF establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

This accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the organization’s substantial conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a three-year accreditation has put itself through a rigorous peer review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable.

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